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[TITLE OF THE INVENTION] INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM

[ABSTRACT]

[OBJECT]

To allow desired information to be easily obtained independent of a skill of a user.

[CONSTITUTION]

The system includes a center CE as an information provider side and a terminal TE which is a user side terminal for receiving the information provided by the center CE. A transmission antenna AT for transmitting antenna radio waves RF1 to a communication satellite SA is located on the center CE side, while retransmission radio waves RF2 are configured to be transmitted from the communication satellite SA to the terminal TE. Thus, a satellite broadcasting network is constructed as a first communication form for providing partial information from the center CE side to the terminal TE side. Further, between the center CE and the terminal TE, a communication network which has, for example, a cable CA of ISDN or the like as a medium is constructed and whole information specified on the terminal TE

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side is adapted to be transmitted from the center CE to the terminal  
TE by a second communication form by a line transmitting form.

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